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S.Moriai, T.Shimoyama, T.Kaneko, "Higher Order Attack of a CAST Cipher", Fast Software Encryption 1998, FSE-4th, LNCS.1372. 1998.

T.Shimoyama, S.Moriai, T.Kaneko and S.Tsuji, "Improved Higher Order Differential Attack and Its Application to Nyberg-Knudsen's Designed Block Cipher", IEICE TRANS. FUNDAMEN TALS, VOL.E82-A, NO 9 pp 1971-1980, 1999.

Copies of these references and a form PTO-A820 are attached.

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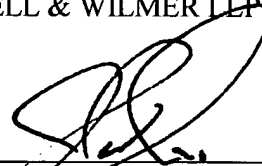
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